

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to ~~claim 23~~ and also comprising:

at least one sensor on board a vehicle and automatically sensing the time during which said vehicle is being operated;

at least one communicator on board said vehicle providing an output indicating the time during which said vehicle is being operated;

at least one data processor receiving a communication from said at least one communicator, indicating the time during which said vehicle is being operated and providing a billing data output in respect of a vehicle-related service which is dependent on the time during which said vehicle is being operated and is not dependent on any other input received from a vehicle-mounted sensor; and

at least one intermediate storage and communication unit operative to receive said output from said communicator when a vehicle in which said communicator is located is at one of a plurality of predetermined locations, said at least one intermediate storage and communication unit being operative to retransmit said output to said data processor.

27. (Original) A vehicle-related services system according to claim 26 and wherein said intermediate storage and communication unit is located at a vehicle fueling station.

28-42. (Cancelled)

43. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to ~~claim 23-claim 26~~ and wherein said communicator communicates with said at least one data processor at least partially not in real time.

44. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to claim 24 and also comprising:

a sensor on board a vehicle and automatically sensing only the time during which said vehicle is being operated;

at least one communicator on board said vehicle providing an output indicating the time during which said vehicle is being operated;

at least one data processor receiving a communication from said at least one communicator, indicating the time during which said vehicle is being operated and providing a billing data output in respect of a vehicle-related service which is dependent on the time during which said vehicle is being operated; and

at least one intermediate storage and communication unit operative to receive said output from said communicator when a vehicle in which said communicator is located is at one of a plurality of predetermined locations, said at least one intermediate storage and communication unit being operative to retransmit said output to said data processor.

45. (Previously Presented) A vehicle-related services system according to claim 44 and wherein said intermediate storage and communication unit is located at a vehicle fueling station.

46-64. (Cancelled)

65. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to claim 23-claim 26 and wherein said time during which said vehicle is being operated comprises at least one of:

the time duration when the vehicle is being operated; and

the time of day or night when the vehicle is being operated.

66. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to claim 24-claim 44 and wherein said time during which said vehicle is being operated comprises at least one of:

the time duration when the vehicle is being operated; and

the time of day or night when the vehicle is being operated.

67. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to ~~claim 64-claim~~
~~68~~ and wherein said time during which said vehicle is being operated comprises at least one of:

the time duration when the vehicle is being operated; and

the time of day or night when the vehicle is being operated.

68. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system ~~according to claim 64 and also comprising:~~

at least one sensor on board a vehicle and automatically sensing the time during which said vehicle is being operated;

a communicator on board said vehicle providing an output indicating only the time during which said vehicle is being operated;

at least one data processor receiving a communication from said communicator, indicating the time during which said vehicle is being operated and providing a billing data output in respect of a vehicle-related service which is dependent on the time during which said vehicle is being operated; and

at least one intermediate storage and communication unit operative to receive said output from said communicator when a vehicle in which said communicator is located is at one of a plurality of predetermined locations, said at least one intermediate storage and communication unit being operative to retransmit said output to said data processor.

69. (Previously Presented) A vehicle-related services system according to claim 68 and wherein said intermediate storage and communication unit is located at a vehicle fueling station.

70. (Previously Presented) A vehicle-related services system according to claim 26 and wherein at least one of said at least one intermediate storage and communication units is operative to receive said output data from a plurality of said communicators on board a

corresponding plurality of said vehicles and to communicate said output in at least one composite message to said data processor.

71. (Previously Presented) A vehicle-related services system according to claim 44 and wherein at least one of said at least one intermediate storage and communication units is operative to receive said output data from a plurality of said communicators on board a corresponding plurality of said vehicles and to communicate said output in at least one composite message to said data processor.

72. (Previously Presented) A vehicle-related services system according to claim 68 and wherein at least one of said at least one intermediate storage and communication units is operative to receive said output data from a plurality of said communicators on board a corresponding plurality of said vehicles and to communicate said output in at least one composite message to said data processor.

73. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to ~~claim 24-claim 44~~ and wherein said sensor is not connected to an electrical system of said vehicle.

74. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to ~~claim 23-claim 26~~ and wherein said at least one sensor is not connected to an electrical system of said vehicle.

75. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to ~~claim 64-claim 68~~ and wherein said at least one sensor is not connected to an electrical system of said vehicle.

76. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to ~~claim 23-claim 26~~ and wherein said at least one data processor comprises a vehicle fee payment data processor.

77. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to ~~claim 24~~claim ~~44~~ and wherein said at least one data processor comprises a vehicle fee payment data processor.

78. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to ~~claim 64~~claim ~~68~~ and wherein said at least one data processor comprises a vehicle fee payment data processor.

79. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to ~~claim 23~~claim ~~26~~ and wherein said at least one data processor comprises a vehicle insurance billing data processor.

80. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to ~~claim 24~~claim ~~44~~ and wherein said at least one data processor comprises a vehicle insurance billing data processor.

81. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-related services system according to ~~claim 64~~claim ~~68~~ and wherein said at least one data processor comprises a vehicle insurance billing data processor.

82-93. (Cancelled)